

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of:

NAGAKURA

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For:

AIR-TIGHT VESSEL EQUIPPED WITH GAS FEEDER

Group:

1763

Examiner:

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Docket: NEC N00-1101

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT A

116/02

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed August 28, 2002.

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The inner tube 3 is fixed to the base 1, and is upright on the base 1. The base 1 closes one end of the inner tube 3. The inner tube 3 is inserted into the outer tube 2 in such a manner that the centerline of the outer tube 2 is coincident with the centerline of the inner tube 3. The outer tube 2 is also fixed to the base 1, and, accordingly, is upright on the base 1. Thus, the inner tube 3 and the outer tube 2 forms a double structure on the base 1.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The prior art reactor further comprises a boat holder 4, heaters 7a, 7b and 7c, a gas

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